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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The first half of the week was very cold, with the lowest mid-November temperatures since 1940 over most of the State. Warmer weather prevailed during the latter half of the week, when temperatures rose to considerably above normal. A little light snow fell over the eastern and central portions of the State, but there was no precipitation in the west. Several days were rather windy.

CROPS The condition of winter wheat has dropped slightly for the second week due to insufficient surface moisture over most of the southern Nebraska wheat belt. Wheat in the Panhandle received moisture and is in excellent condition. Fortunately subsoil moisture has been ample and all of the crop should be deep rooted.

The recent low temperatures were somewhat severe as much of the wheat had not reached the dormant stage. The loose open surface soil is unfavorable for wheat as it permits cold to permeate the top soil near the crown. A good rain is needed before wheat goes into the winter. Most of the wheat has not had any substantial moisture since September.

Some of the corn is still unhusked but harvest is nearing completion. Considerable of the dry land corn was not good enough to husk. Dry land yields in the Panhandle this year exceed the yields in northeastern Nebraska. However, some of the dry land corn yields in eastern Nebraska were better than expected under the unfavorable dry summer weather.

Harvesting of crops in the North Platte Valley is practically completed. There is some irrigated corn yet to be husked. Potatoes have not moved in volume due to the low price.

Seed production is large this year. One northern county reports 6,000 acres of alfalfa seed harvested with yields averaging between two and three bushels per acre. The highest yield is approximately 10 bushels per acre.

There is very little demand for farm workers and the supply exceeds the demand. There are still a number of farmers applying for work off the farm. There are quite a few sales of personal farm property. One county reports some of the smaller operators had to give up farming because of the low yields and prices.

LIVESTOCK Low temperatures of the past week were severe on livestock in northern and western areas due to the sudden change from previous mild temperatures. Prices of hogs are very unsatisfactory. Prices of cattle have been dropping somewhat. The prices of finished cattle are too low to encourage feeding. Poultry and dairy prices are holding while eggs are somewhat higher.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 21, 1955

Eastern Division

Grand Island	0
Lincoln	.08
Norfolk	.06
Omaha	.02
Sioux City	.05

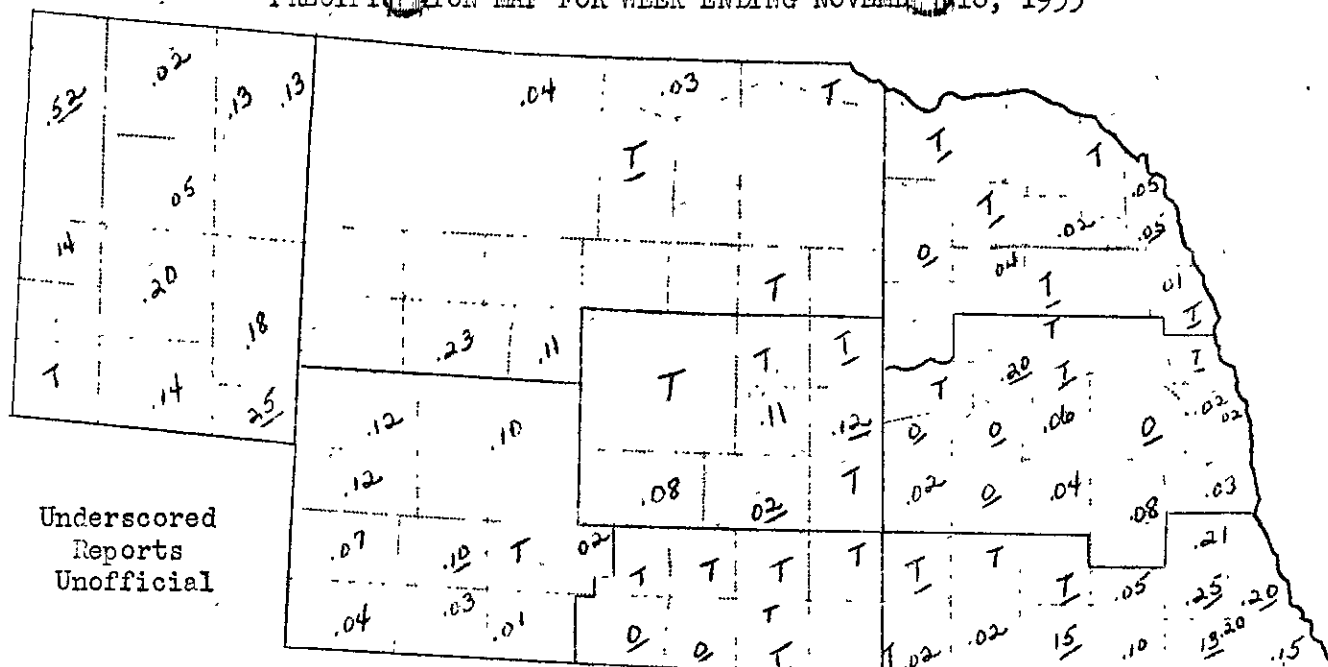
Central Division

Burwell	0
North Platte	.09
Valentine	.02

Western Division

Chadron	0
Imperial	0
Scottsbluff	0
Sidney	0

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 18, 1955



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		Nov.		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st	
				Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	38	0	8	-7	16	-2	24	10	37	16	58	40	54	40		
	Scottsbluff	36	1	6	-5	20	3	25	11	42	22	62	37	49	30		
	Sidney	47	6	18	-4	23	3	21	8	45	27	61	35	51	32		
NC	Burwell	27	13	14	-5	21	4	24	18	36	15	61	32	57	24		
	Valentine	23	4	12	-12	17	-6	22	15	37	12	62	35	54	31		
NE	Norfolk	--	23	33	1	22	6	27	21	32	11	50	38	56	27		
	Sioux City	--	--	--	--	22	10	25	21	30	11	43	30	57	34		
CEN	Grand Island	33	22	31	-1	24	6	24	22	36	16	60	39	62	32		
EC	Lincoln	36	33	38	6	25	13	29	20	31	20	46	43	65	40		
	Omaha	36	32	32	5	22	10	24	20	30	17	41	34	60	37		
SW	Imperial	46	11	32	-12	26	-2	23	12	40	22	67	30	63	26		
	North Platte	--	10	27	-5	19	0	--	--	36	--	61	30	--	27		

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